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SUBJ: CLOSE OF 5TH WMO IPM FOR NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN STATIONS
(NAOS)

1. SUBJECT MEETING CLOSED NOON AUGUST 10 WITH EXPRESSIONS OF OPTIMISM THAT MEETING HAD MADE PROGRESS TOWARDS DRAFT AGREEMENT AND THAT PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE IMPROVED.

2. MEETING AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO SYG WMO THAT PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE BE RESUMED NOV 4-15, 1974. SECRETARIAT INDICATED THAT SYG PREPARED TO CONSULT BY CABLE WITH MEMBERS CONCERNED TO SECURE AGREEMENT THESE NEW DATES.

3. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MEETING ARE FOLLOWING: A) ACCEPTANCE OF 100 PERCENT REIMBURSEMENT OF CAPITAL COSTS; B) AGREEMENT ON 4-STATION NETWORK OF M,L, R AND CX; C) MAJORITY ACCEPTANCE OF FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR ASSESSING COST SHARING BASED ON AVERAGES OF A NUMBER OF FACTORS (FRG PRIMARY OBJECTOR); E) IMPROVEMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSITION PERIOD FROM PRESENT ICAO TO NEW WMO AGREEMENT.

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4. REGARDING POSSIBLE USSR PARTICIPATION, THEY CONTINUED TO HAVE

DIFFICULTIES ACCEPTING RATHER ELABORATE SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING COST OF OPERATION OF SHIPS AND FOR THEIR REIMBURSEMENT. USSR DELEGATE TOLD FRENCH DELEGATE INFORMALLY THAT THEY WERE NOW THINKING OF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION UNDER WHICH THEY WOULD OPERATE ONE STATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NETWORK PLAN BUT WITHOUT ANY CHARGES TO OR REIMBURSEMENT FROM OTHER PARTICIPANTS, SOMEWHAT ANALOGOUS TO USA PARTICIPATION UNDER ICAO NAOS AGREEMENT. THEY HOPED HAVE THEIR POSITION WORKED OUT IN TIME FOR PRESENTATION TO PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE. OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN DELEGATES THOUGH USSR WOULD TRY ORGANIZE EASTERN EUROPEAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ITS PARTICIPATION. SOME WEST EUROPEAN DELEGATES SAID SUCH ARRANGEMENT LIKELY BE ACCEPTABLE PROVIDED IT ADHERED TO PRINCIPLES OF AGREEMENT ON SUCH BASIC ELEMENTS AS STATION LOCATION, PROGRAM OF OBSERVATIONS AND TRANSMISSION OF REPORTS.

5. MEETING UNABLE FIND ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE ON PERCENTAGE REIMBURSEMENT OF OPERATING COSTS; LEGAL PROCEDURE FOR BRINGING NEW AGREEMENT INTO FORCE; NOR PRECISE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSITION FROM USE OF PRESENT SHIPS TO LONG TERM RESOURCES (BUILDING OF NEW SHIPS OR CHARTERING). IT WAS HOPED THAT CONSULTATIONS BEFORE NOVEMBER WOULD HELP CLEAR UP THESE DIFFICULTIES. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED INFORMALLY HOPE THAT USA WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SOME MANNER.

6. MEETING WAS INFORMED OF POSSIBLE INTEREST OF ALGERIA, MOROCCO AND TUNISIA; MOROCCO ATTENDED LAST TWO DAYS OF MEETING. SYG WMO URGED CONTINUE SEEK WIDER SUPPORT FOR NEW AGREEMENT. THERE WAS A FEELING AMONG DELEGATIONS THAT THE NOVEMBER MEETING MUST NOW SETTLE THE MATTER ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. FAILURE OF THAT MEETING WOULD BE TAKEN AS FINAL AND MEAN THE TERMINATION OF THE NAOS PROGRAM.

7. DOCUMENTATION FOR PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE TEXT DRAFT AGREEMENT AS SUBSTANTIALLY REVISED THIS MEETING. ARTICLES 15 AND 16 (ENTRY INTO FORCE, AND PROVISIONAL APPLICATION) WILL BE INCLUDED IN BRACKETS, AS SERIOUS OBJECTION TO PARTS OF THESE ARTICLES BY MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS.

8. SINCE MAJOR ADJUSTMENTS MADE IN CONTENTS AND ARRANGEMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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